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House of Representatives:

I am writing in regards to house bills #4006 and 4015, concerning those who are adopted and needing/ wanting their original birth certificates. It is truly a civil right to have their birth information.

I am a birth mother who was NEVER promised, NOR WANTED secrecy/ annominity or the names hidden on my childs birth certificate. My daughter was born April 14, 1961 adopted out thru Child and Family Services. I did my 3 1/2 month stay at the Salvation Army home for unwed mothers and was never given any alternatives.. or encouragement to keep my child... She'd be better off with two parents, someone else, I never asked for things to be kept quiet... That was my parents due to the "bad girl" thing for the rest of the world to know... Not my request at all...

Every other citizen has their original birth certificate with their parents name on them. Imagine not knowing your actual heritage. Everyone also deserves their family medical background. To know their roots of their family if they so desire... Most people do want to know who they are and where they came from..

My daughter Susan took her own life in 1984 which I didn't find out until 1991, but I did meet her adoptive parents, receive stories of her life and pictures to help me with my so very sad information. I am even tho it was difficult to know this, glad I do know what happened to her vs. searching in one way or another the rest of my life, wondering and wondering forever... of course I wasn't happy in any way to discover the beautiful daughter was no longer with us but it gives me a closure of sorts.

I've had a support group for about 10+ years of Truths in the Adoption Triad, all persons in my group support this bill. We've had numerous conversations and no one feels that the information on your birth certificate should be kept from you.

My son who wanted to join the army in 1985 had a hard time with his birth certificate due to the fact he was a step parent adoption... of course me being his mother also have his original. Same for myself I was a step parent adoption child also and I have both of my originals..Due to the fact that my mother had both of them.

I just pray that the House and Senate will pass these bills and let ALL Americans have their Original Birth Certificates... It is a civil right...

Thanks for your time.

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